(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which all the districts of that State are likely to be brought under Universal Immunisation Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). the Universal Immunization Programme, a 100% Centrally sponsored Family Welfare Programme, was started in 1985-86, in a phased manner, by taking 31 districts of the country, out of which two districts (i.e. Kota and Bharatpur) were from Rajasthan By 1989-90 all the districts of the country, including all districts of Rajasthan, have been brought under the Programme. Thus all the districts of Rajasthan are now covered under the Universal Immunization Programme.

Supply of Food to Students in Navodaya Vidyalayas of Kerala

4266. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints relating to the poor standard of food supplied to the students in the Navodaya Vidyalayas in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Novodaya Vidyalaya Samiti intimated that some parents had made a request for enhancement of boarding expenses on account of the rise in prices. The Samiti enhanced the mess expenses per student in October, 1991

[*Translation*]

Restoration of Hatia-Varanasi Train

4267. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hatia-Varanasi train suspended during the Gulf war has not yet been restored;.

(b) whether the Government propose to restore the train; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The train has not been restored.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Due to poor patronisation.

Increase in the Prices of Foodgrains

4268. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of increase in prices of rice, wheat and other foodgrains so far in comparison to last year's prices;

(b) the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) The percentage variations in indices of wholesale prices of rice, wheat and other foodgrains in the current year compared with that in the last year are given as under:-

Sl. No.	*Item*	*15.2.92* / *16.2.91*	*16.2.91* / *17.2.90*
1.	Rice	+ 30.1	+ 15.2
2.	Wheat	+ 17.3	+ 46.8
3.	Jowar	+ 62.6	+ 16.0
4.	Bajra	+ 83.9	+ 14.8
5.	Maize	+ 40.7	+ 32.1
6.	Barle	+ 18.8	+ 41.9
7.	Ragi	+ 35.0	+ 3.4

(b) The main reasons for rise in prices of foodgrains are decline in the production of kharif cereals, increase in the minimum support prices/procurement prices, increase in Central issue prices, general inflationary trend in the economy etc.

(c) In order to release pressure on prices, the Government increased monthly allocations of wheat and rice to States/Union Territories for distribution through public distribution system and released additional quantities of wheat and rice for open sale and have decided to import 1 million tonnes of wheat.

Contracts of Stalls at Stations

4269. DR. PARSHURAM GANGWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allot tea, paan, beedi and other stalls on contract basis at railway stations where these are not available at present; and

(b) if so, the details of such Stations in the Bareilly division?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Catering/vending facilities are provided only at those selected stations where provision of such facilities is found justified.

(b) There is no railway division known as Bareilly. Bareilly is, however, a station and the existing catering/vending facilities at this station are considered adequate.

World Summit for Child Welfare

4270. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for achieving the goals set at the World Summit for Children's Welfare held in New York last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the major goals set in the current plan for child welfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. In order to achieve the World Summit goals, the Department of Women and Child Development set up a Working Group for preparation of the National Programme of Action on Children. The Working Group consisted of representatives of concerned Ministries/